### **OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION**

STATUTORY BASIS FOR

**PAYMENT** 

General 108A.40 through 108A.47 and Chapter 111.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** January 1, 1974.

**ADMINISTRATION**<sup>1</sup> Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services<sup>2</sup> and

Division of Blind Services (State-supervised and

county-administered).

**PASSALONG** In compliance by the method of total expenditures.

**SCOPE OF** Optional State supplementation provided to aged, blind, and disabled persons in mental and nonmental health adult care

disabled persons in mental and nonmental health adult care homes<sup>3</sup> Blind persons ineligible for SSI are also supplemented in other

living arrangements. Blind children are eligible for optional supplementation. Disabled children and patients in institutions for

tuberculosis or mental disease are not eligible for optional

supplementation.

RECOVERIES, LIENS,

AND ASSIGNMENTS

None.

RELATIVE

RESPONSIBILITY

No income is deemed to the spouse at home.

INCOME

**DISREGARDS** 

All categories: A \$20 exemption applies to any income including SSI, with the exception of those persons whose income is a VA pension payment or a VA compensation payment to the surviving

parent of a veteran.

<u>Aged and disabled</u>: For earned income, disregard the first \$65, subtract impairment related work expenses (e.g., equipment) and other work related expenses (e.g., uniforms), and disregard one-half

of the remainder.

Blind: For earned income, disregard the first \$85 plus one-half of

the remainder.

RESOURCE LIMITATIONS

Real property used as a home is excluded. Real property not used as a home and all personal property (savings, cash value of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

Program providing assistance to aged and disabled persons known as "State/County Special Assistance for Adults."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Effective August 1, 1995, domiciliary care homes changed to adult care homes (Senate bill 502) and a basic rate was established for adult care homes.

## RESOURCE LIMITATIONS (CON.)

insurance, bonds, and any other cash reserves) are limited to \$2,000 for aged and disabled individuals; \$3,000 for aged and disabled couples; and \$2,000 for blind individuals. The equity in an essential motor vehicle is exempted. Excluded from consideration are irrevocable burial contracts and household and personal effects (tools, equipment, and livestock).

### PLACE OF APPLICATION

County departments of social services.

**FUNDING** 

Assistance: 50 percent State funds; 50 percent county funds.

Administration: County funds.

INTERIM ASSISTANCE State participates.

#### PAYMENT LEVELS<sup>4</sup>

	Living arrangements	Combined Federal/State		State supplementation	
<u>Code</u>		<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
	Adult Care Home <sup>3 5</sup>				
	Basic	\$875.00	$$1,314.00^6$	\$405.00	$$609.00^{6}$
	Disenfranchised-ambulatory <sup>7</sup>	1,006.00	1,476.00	536.00	771.00
	Disenfranchised-semi-ambulatory <sup>7</sup>	1,017.00	1,487.00	547.00	782.00
	Blind ineligible for SSI:				
	Not paying shelter and utilities	N/A	N/A	97.00	$194.00^{8}$
	Paying shelter and utilities	N/A	N/A	146.00	$243.00^9$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A \$20 income exemption is allowed. In addition, a \$31 personal needs allowance is included in the optional supplementation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Effective January 1, 1995, due to 1634, spousal income is not counted.

Disenfranchised recipients are those whose continuing care would be adversely affected by a change to the basic rate. However, if their eligibility for care in an adult care home terminates for any reason, later care would be provided at the basic rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$146.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$219.

# **STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

# **MEDICAID**

**ELIGIBILITY:** 

SSI program guidelines (title XVI). **CRITERION** 

Social Security Administration. **DETERMINED BY** 

**MEDICALLY NEEDY** 

**PROGRAM** 

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

**UNPAID MEDICAL** 

**EXPENSES** 

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.